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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

Page 1, after the title and before the first paragraph, insert the following heading at the left-hand margin:

Page 1, line 8, delete “The Prior Art” and substitute –Description of Related
Art— at the left-hand margin;

Page 4, line 1, delete “Presentation of the Figures” and substitute the following heading at the left-hand margin:

Page 4, at line 15, delete “Description of an Embodiment of the Invention” and substitute the following heading at the left-hand margin:

--Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment(s)--;

Figure 6

Figure 6 displays two plots related to the model fit. The top plot shows the log-likelihood function versus the parameter α , ranging from -10 to 10. The bottom plot shows the estimated parameters versus the parameter α , ranging from -10 to 10.